

Screening

Oral Cancer

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Recommendation

There is insufficient evidence to recommend for or against routine screening of asymptomatic persons for oral cancer by primary care clinicians.

All patients should be counseled to:

- Discontinue the use of all forms of tobacco.
- Limit consumption of alcohol.

Clinicians should remain alert to signs and symptoms of oral cancer and premalignancy in persons who use tobacco or regularly use alcohol.

[*Guide to Clinical Preventive Services, 2nd Edition*](#)
[Screening for Oral Cancer, 1996](#)

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Reference: <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstf/uspsoral.htm>